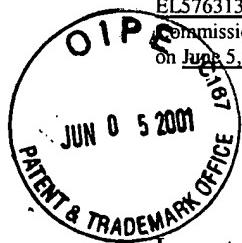


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 5, 2001. Please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. A petition for a One-Month Extension of time is filed concurrently.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

A / On page 1, line 7 please insert before "This...": --This application claims priority from provisional application 60/086,813 filed May 26, 1998 now abandoned, and copending PCT/US99/11493 filed May 25, 1999.--